

Hon. Richard A. Jones

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

OCEANGATE, INC.,

Plaintiff(s),

v.

DAVID LOCHRIDGE, *et al.*,

Defendant(s).

No. C18-1083 RAJ

ORDER SETTING TRIAL DATE
AND RELATED DATES

JURY TRIAL DATE

AUGUST 26, 2019

Length of Trial

3 days

Deadline for Joining Additional Parties

October 1, 2018

Deadline to File Amended Pleadings

February 27, 2019

Expert Witness Disclosure/Reports
Under FRCP 26(a)(2) Due

February 27, 2019

All motions related to discovery must be noted on
the motion calendar no later than the Friday
before discovery closes pursuant to
LCR7(d)(3)

Deadline to Complete Discovery

April 29, 2019

All dispositive motions must be filed by
and noted on the motion calendar no later
than the fourth Friday thereafter pursuant to
LCR7(d)(3)

May 28, 2019

All motions *in limine* must be filed by
and noted on the motion calendar three
Fridays thereafter pursuant to LCR7(d)(4)

July 29, 2019

Agreed Pretrial Order due

August 12, 2019

Pretrial conference

To be set by the Court

Trial briefs, proposed jury instructions,
proposed voir dire, agreed neutral statement
of the case, deposition designations,
and trial exhibits due

August 19, 2019

These are firm dates that can be changed only by order of the Court, not by agreement of counsel or the parties. The Court will alter these dates only upon good cause shown. If the trial date assigned to this matter creates an irreconcilable conflict, counsel must notify Victoria Ericksen, Courtroom Deputy, by email at victoria_ericksen@wawd.uscourts.gov within 10 days of the date of this Order and must set forth the exact nature of the conflict. A failure to do so will be deemed a waiver. Counsel must be prepared to begin trial on the date scheduled, but it should be understood that the trial may have to await the completion of other cases.

COUNSEL ARE DIRECTED TO REVIEW JUDGE JONES' CHAMBERS PROCEDURES at <http://www.wawd.uscourts.gov/judges/jones-procedures>. Counsel are expected to abide by the requirements set forth therein. Failure to do so may result in the imposition of sanctions.

Links to Local Rules, Electronic Filing Procedures for Civil and Criminal Cases, court forms, instruction sheets, and General Orders, can be found on the Court's website at www.wawd.uscourts.gov.

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ALTERATIONS TO FILING PROCEDURES

Counsel are required to electronically file all documents with the Court. Pro se litigants may file either electronically or in paper form. Information and procedures for electronic filing can be found on the Western District of Washington's website at <http://www.wawd.uscourts.gov/attorneys/cmecf>.

The following alterations to the Filing Procedures apply in all cases pending before Judge Jones:

1. **Mandatory chambers copies are required for all e-filed motions, responses, replies, and surreplies, and all supporting documentation relating to motions, regardless of page length.**

The paper copy of the documents (with tabs or other organizing aids as necessary) shall be delivered to the Clerk's Office by 12:00 p.m. on the business day after filing. The chambers copy must be clearly marked with the words "Courtesy Copy of Electronic Filing for Chambers." The parties are required to print all courtesy copies from CM/ECF using the "Include headers when displaying PDF documents" feature under "Document Options." This requirement applies also to pleadings filed under seal.

2. **Searchable PDFs:** All documents filed electronically must be submitted in PDF format to permit text searches and to facilitate transmission and retrieval. Before these documents are electronically filed, the CM/ECF User shall convert the documents to PDF format. These documents may not be scanned.

EXHIBITS

The original and one copy of any exhibits to be used at trial are to be delivered to chambers no later than 4:00 p.m. on the date set forth above. Each exhibit shall be clearly marked. Exhibit tags are available in the Clerk's Office. The Court hereby sets forth the following procedure for numbering exhibits: Plaintiff's exhibits shall be numbered consecutively beginning with 1. Defendant's exhibits

1 shall be numbered consecutively after Plaintiff's exhibits using the next number
2 sequence not used by Plaintiff (*e.g.*, if Plaintiff has marked 150 exhibits, Defendant
3 shall mark its exhibits beginning with 200) . Duplicate documents shall not be listed
4 twice. Once a party has identified an exhibit in the pretrial order, any party may use
5 it. Each set of exhibits shall be submitted in a three-ring binder with appropriately
6 numbered tabs.

7 COOPERATION

8 As required by LCR 37(a), all discovery matters are to be resolved by
9 agreement, if possible. Counsel and the parties are further directed to cooperate in
10 preparing the final Pretrial Order in the format required by LCR 16.1, except as it
11 pertains to exhibits, as ordered above.

12 SETTLEMENT

13 Should this case settle, counsel shall notify Victoria Ericksen as soon as
14 possible at victoria_ericksen@wawd.uscourts.gov. An attorney or party who fails to
15 give the Court prompt notice of settlement may be subject to such discipline as the
16 Court deems appropriate.

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18 DATED: August 30, 2018.

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20 The Honorable Richard A. Jones
21 United States District Judge
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